Pressure on India to ease tension at Borders

†1991. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the influential countries of the world have pressurized India to the effect that India and Pakistan ease the tension increasing between them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these countries are also pressurizing Government to withdraw its forces deployed on the line of Actual Control in view of security threat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (e) No, Sir. There is widespread support for India's firm resolve to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed; the widespread consensus in the international community is that there is no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists. Most countries have, however, also expressed themselves in general terms in favour of reduction of tensions between India and Pakistan.

Government are firmly committed to establishing peaceful, friendly and cooperative ties with Pakistan. It is obvious that Pakistan must end its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India so that initiatives in this regard can succeed.

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